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TO : Chief, Industrial Division, ORR

DATE: 31 December 1958

FROM : Chief, Military Economics Branch, D/I

SUBJECT: Activity Report for December 1958

1. Status of Branch Projects

- a. 39.2380, Article Numbers Used for the Allocation of Soviet Military Expenditures. [REDACTED]

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The draft of this project has been completed and is undergoing Branch review.

- b. 39.2381, Soviet Military Manpower 1947-1958. [REDACTED]

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The draft of this project is in process of completion.

- c. 39.2382, Soviet Military Personnel Pay. [REDACTED]

The draft of this project has been completed and is being reviewed in the Branch.

- d. 39.2383, Soviet Military Prices and Ruble-Dollar Ratios [REDACTED]

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The work on this project is progressing on schedule.

- e. 39.2384, Soviet Military Expenditures, 1947-63. [REDACTED]

The work on this project is progressing on schedule. 25X1A9a

2. Status of Support Projects

- a. 30.2201, Soviet Military Expenditures Through 1964.

No terms of reference have been formulated for this project, due to St/PR on 3 August 1959. Preliminary work is being initiated.

- b. 40.2238, Sino-Soviet Bloc Foreign Economic Activities.
(January 1958 estimate)

Although this project was scheduled for completion on 1 December 1958, no terms of reference have been received.

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- c. S# 408, An Interpretation of Naum Jasny's "Defense"
Calculations As Reported In The (Baltimore) Sun.

This support project was completed on 24 December 1958.

3. Changes in Estimates

Nothing to report.

4. Relationships with Other Components 25X1A9a

a. On 4 December 1958, [REDACTED] discussed certain aspects of Soviet military research, development, testing and evaluation expenditures as reflected in the ORR contribution to NIE 11-4-58, IP-643, with an interservice group chaired by Col. Deverall of the Joint Staff and with Mr. Walsh and Comdr. Inman of the Staff of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller).

The purpose of these discussions was to assist the services in the Joint Staff context in developing an estimate of Soviet research and development with particular reference to guided missiles and space. Eventually the services, particularly the Navy and the Air Force withdrew from the exercise. We refused to permit our participation to be construed on CIA concurrence in the final product on the basis of the fact that the appropriate channels for obtaining such concurrence would have to include GMIC, ONE, the Board of National Estimates and the USIB.

b. On 4 December 1958, [REDACTED] provided 25X1A9a
information to MR. Edward Moon of ACSI on Chinese Communist munitions imports and inventories.

5. Future Plans

Nothing to report.

6. Other Problems and Recommendations

Nothing to report.

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